

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 and 3-8 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:

a ~~head holding member~~ carriage which detachably mounts a recording head including a head side connecting portion to which electric power for driving the recording head and a signal are transmitted, the ~~head holding member~~ carriage including a card edge connector where the head side connecting portion is inserted for electric connection when the recording head is mounted;

a guide shaft which guides the carriage in a predetermined scanning direction;

a lever member which is arranged in the ~~head holding member~~ carriage, the lever member inserting the recording head into the ~~head holding member~~ carriage and detaching the recording head from the ~~head holding member~~ carriage, by rotation of the lever member about the guide shaft; and

a ~~recording head~~ pressing portion which is arranged in the lever member, the ~~recording head~~ pressing portion pressing the recording head in a direction in which the head side connecting portion is inserted into the card edge connector,

wherein the ~~recording head~~ pressing portion is arranged near a rotational center of the lever member.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~recording head~~ pressing portion ~~has~~ comprises a stopper portion which controls displacement of the ~~recording head~~ pressing portion, the stopper portion having a predetermined clearance in a direction of displacement made when the ~~recording head~~ pressing portion presses the recording head.

4. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, in the recording head, a pressed portion which is pressed by the ~~recording head~~ pressing portion forms a predetermined angle relative to a direction in which the head side connecting portion is inserted into the card edge connector, and the recording head is located in a first direction and a second direction relative to ~~a~~ the carriage by a pressing force of the ~~recording head~~ pressing portion.

5. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the lever member is made of sheet metal, and the ~~recording head~~ pressing portion is formed by a plate spring which generates the pressing force by deflection of the sheet metal.

6. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the recording head pressing portion is made of the sheet metal and integrated with the lever member, and the recording head is pressed by a ~~substantial~~ substantially 180°-bent portion which is arranged at a front end of the ~~recording head~~ pressing portion.

7. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein at least two ~~recording head~~ pressing portions are provided at positions in which the ~~recording head~~ pressing portions press a place near both sides of the head side connecting portion.

8. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the two ~~recording head~~ pressing portions are integrally connected to each other.